

What Are Reading Mysteries?

**solve the
mystery**



The Case of the Missing Wand

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The Suspect List

Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

 I was flying in the forest. Dragon	 I was flying in the garden. Fairy	 I was at my house. Gnome	 I was in the forest. Unicorn
 I was at the shop. Wizard	 I was in the garden. Monster	 I was at my house. Witch	 I was at the shop. Troll

Name: _____

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Clue #1: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each vine on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Clue #2: Color the Mushrooms

Answer each question. Color in each mushroom. Then, read the bottom.

chick chop chest check chips chin

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

shop	wings	fly	fairy	ship	took
dragon	the	wand	horn	thief	fire

Clue #4: Count Them

Color in all of the wh words.

Clue #5: Error Analysis

Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

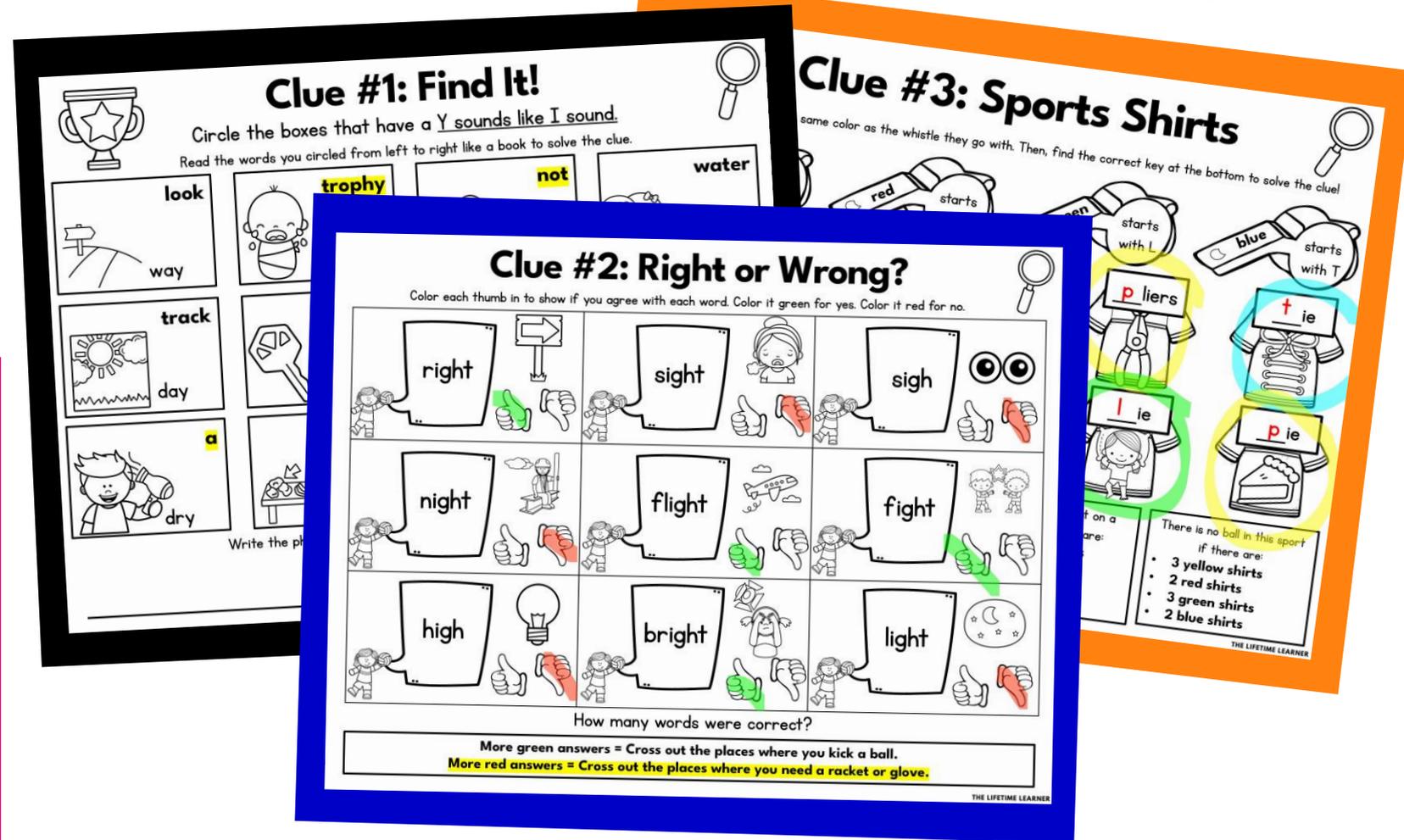
		
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The suspect with the most correct answers is the thief!

In every phonics mystery, students work through a series of fun, skill-based clues to crack the case!

Each clue builds reading skills while keeping engagement high—students don't even realize they're practicing, they're too busy solving!

What's Included?



Each bundle comes with:

- **30 unique phonics mysteries** (a \$180 value if purchased separately).
- **High-interest themes** kids love.
- **Ready-to-use activities** that save you time and keep your students on task.

Save big by grabbing the complete bundle instead of buying individually!

30 Phonics Skills for 1st Grade

Every mystery focuses on a key 1st grade phonics skill—covering everything from short vowels and blends to digraphs, vowel teams, and seasonal reviews.

Seasonal & Holidays

- Back to School Mystery: Kinder Phonics Skills
- Halloween Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Thanksgiving Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Christmas Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Winter Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Valentine's Day Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- St. Patrick's Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Spring Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Easter Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Summer Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review

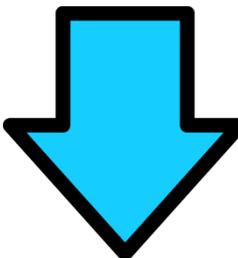
Every Day Fun

- Camping Mystery: Diphthongs Review
- Sports Mystery: Long I
- Restaurant Mystery: Long O
- Travel Mystery: Long U
- Rock Star Mystery: Floss Rule (FF LL SS ZZ)
- New Pet Mystery: Long Vowel Review
- Mailman Mystery: Glued Sounds
- Zoo Mystery: 3 Letter Blends / Trigraphs
- Theme Park Mystery: Long A
- Box Mystery: Short and Long OO
- Video Game Mystery: Ending Digraphs Review
- Ocean Mystery: Digraph Review
- Outer Space Mystery: Long E

High-Interest Adventures

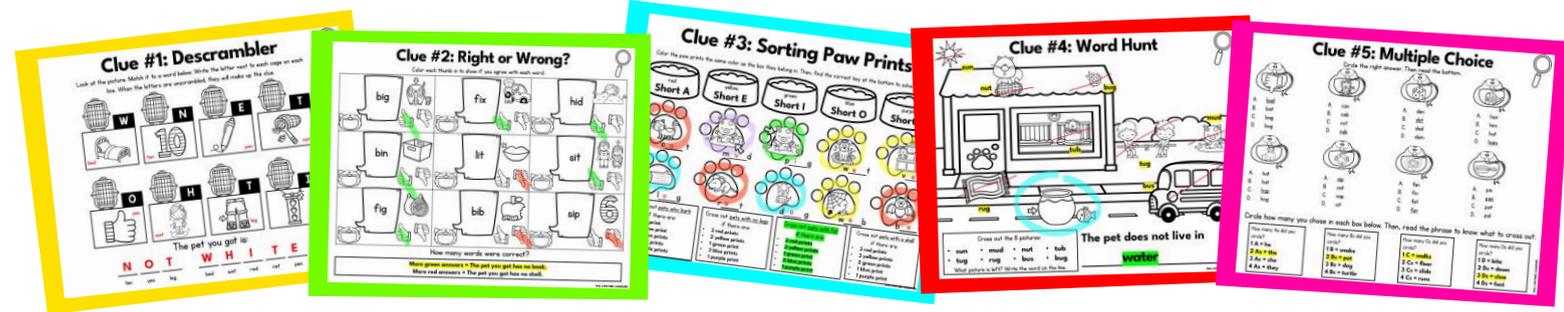
- Pirate Mystery: CVCe Words Review
- Magic Wand Mystery: Beginning Digraphs Review
- Princess Mystery: R Controlled Vowels (AR ER IR UR)
- Race Car Mystery R Controlled Vowels (OR ORE OAR)
- Safari Mystery: Beginning Blends (L, R, S Blends)
- Dinosaur Mystery: Final Blends / Ending Blends (L, M, N, S, T)
- Donut Mystery: CVC Words Review

plus...



30 CVC Word Mysteries!

Themes Included:



- Back to School Mystery: CVC Words
- Box Mystery: CVC Words
- Camping Mystery: CVC Words
- Christmas Mystery: CVC Words
- Dinosaur Mystery: CVC Words
- Donut Mystery: CVC Words
- Easter Mystery: CVC Words
- Halloween Mystery: CVC Words
- Magic Wand Mystery: CVC Words
- Missing Princess Mystery: CVC Words
- Mailman Mystery: CVC Words
- New Pet Mystery: CVC Words
- Ocean Mystery: CVC Words
- Pirate Mystery: CVC Words
- Race Car Mystery: CVC Words
- Restaurant Mystery: CVC Words
- Rock Star Mystery: CVC Words
- Safari Mystery: CVC Words
- Space Mystery: CVC Words
- Sports Mystery: CVC Words
- Spring Mystery: CVC Words
- St. Patrick's Day Mystery: CVC Words
- Summer Mystery: CVC Words
- Thanksgiving Mystery: CVC Words
- Theme Park Mystery: CVC Words
- Travel Mystery: CVC Words
- Valentine Review: CVC Words
- Video Game Mystery: CVC Words
- Winter Mystery: CVC Words
- Zoo Mystery: CVC Words

Along with the thirty 1st grade phonics skills, you'll also receive a **CVC version of every single mystery.**

- Perfect for beginning readers or small groups needing extra support.
- Built-in differentiation—without any extra prep.

That means you're *really* getting **two mysteries in one for every theme** (a 1st grade phonics skill AND a CVC skill) so you can easily differentiate for every student!

Every Mystery Comes in Multiple Formats

3 & 5 Clue Options

Print & Digital Forms

Clue #1 Safari Photos
Color the snapshots the same color as the camera they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue.

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

Clue #3: Descrambler
Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each jeep on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the first letter of each word.

Clue #5: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

brick	trash	branch
trap	crack	crash
drum	drink	trunk

In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the picture is correct.

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out trunks.
2 Correct = Cross out fur.
3 Correct = Cross out spots.
4 Correct = Cross out skin.

5 Correct = Cross out stripes.
6 Correct = Cross out cats.
7 Correct = Cross out short tails.
8 Correct = Cross out long tails.

Each mystery is designed to fit **your** specific classroom needs:

- **3- or 5-clue options** so you can go short and quick or extend the challenge.
- **Print or Digital (Google Slides)** so you can use them on paper or screens.

No matter your schedule, setup, or student level, you'll always have a version that works!

BENEFITS OF READING MYSTERIES:

- No prep required
- Print & digital versions included
- Fun, engaging, and standards-based learning activities
- Encourages critical thinking
- Easy to differentiate
- Perfect for review days, small groups, or partner work
- Mix & match clues for even more flexibility

Clue #4: The Tent
Read what to do at the bottom.

Cross out the following words:

- pop
- nod
- pot
- fox
- fog
- hot
- log

Which letters are left? Write them on the line.

Another camper tells you your friend is not in a place with a walls.

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Ideas for use: whole group lessons, small group instruction, partner or table groups, or even sub days.

What Makes Reading Mysteries Unique?

Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries! *They are completely different!*

- Brand-new clues
- A focus on reading skills
- A different conclusion to solve

The only thing that stays the same is the fun suspect list.

If you own both, students can solve mysteries in both reading and math for double the engagement.

Reading

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: The Theme Park

Do the words rhyme? Put a check or an X.

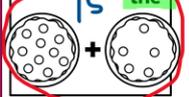
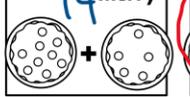
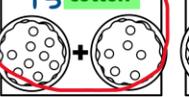
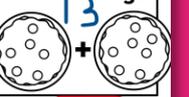
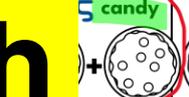
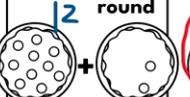
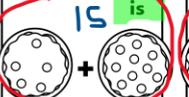
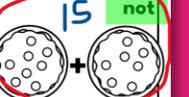
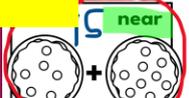
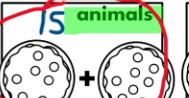
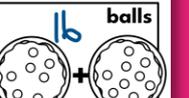
If there are more checks, cross out any rides.
If there are more Xs, cross out any places near food.

							
		braids			tail and pail		
							
	hay				mail and nail		
							
	hail and rain				maid and stay		
							
	aim and pay				pain and paint		

Clue #1: Find It!

Solve each question. Circle the boxes that equal 15.

Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

			
the	merry	cotton	go
			
candy	round	is	not
			
near	pirate	animals	balls

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.

The cotton candy is not near animals

Why Teachers Love These (and Why You Will Too!)

1st Grade Phonics Mysteries aren't just engaging; they're practical!

You'll save hours of planning time while giving your students activities they'll beg to do.

With this huge bundle, you're getting:

- 30 unique phonics mysteries
- 30 matching CVC word mysteries
- Multiple formats (print & digital, 3- or 5-clue options)
- Built-in differentiation for every learner
- Fast finisher activities, certificates, and answer keys
- That's 60 ready-to-use mysteries you can use all year!
- Individually, these mysteries would cost **\$180**—but you'll save big when you grab the complete bundle.

✓ Grab the 1st grade phonics bundle today and make reading time something your class look forward to!

